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DISORDERS AND GLAUCOMA
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REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF OFFICE ACTIONS

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Further to a telephone conference with SPE Christopher Low on July 16, 2004, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Advisory Action mailed on July 7, 2004, and the final Office Action mailed on January 29, 2004, in the above-captioned application.

The final Office Action references a response filed on October 17, 2003 (see page 2, line 2). Not only did applicants not file a response on October 17, 2003, but the final Office Action fails to address applicants' previous response filed on December 16, 2003. Attached is a copy of the response as filed and, as evidence of filing, a copy of the facsimile transmission report. In view of the apparent oversight by the PTO, the former SPE assigned to this application, Marianne Seidel, agreed in a telephone conference on April 29, 2004, to withdraw the final Office Action.

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At the suggestion of SPE Low, applicants also attach a copy of an earlier response filed on May 12, 2003, along with a copy of the PTO stamped postcard as proof of filing. According to SPE Low, the PTO records show that this response was filed subsequent to May 12, 2003. Applicants respectfully request that the PTO records be corrected to reflect the correct date of filing for this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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